McCraw, Goodman honored

OTIS NUCKOLS, executive vice president of Virginia Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Co., is shown presenting Herbert Goodman the award for State Agency Manager of the Year-1979, with his wife, Nancy.

Perry D. McCraw and Herbert Goodman were recently honored by the Virginia Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company at their State Sales Conference in Williamsburg.

Virginia Farm Bureau has 130 advisors serving the county Farm Bureaus in Virginia, writing life insurance, automobile, property, and liability coverages.

McCraw was named "State Advisor of the year of 1979." He has served as Advisor for Appomattox County Farm Bureau for almost 3 years. He lives in the Stonewall area with his wife, Gale, and two sons, Brandon and Douglas.

Goodman served as advisor for Appomattox County for several years before being promoted to agency manager and advisor for Buckingham County Farm Bureau. He was named "Agency Manager of the year of 1979" by Va. Farm Bureau. Goodman lives in Buckingham County with his wife, Nancy, and two children.

Appomattox County Farm Bureau extends to McCraw and Goodman their sincere congratulations for outstanding accomplishments in 1979.

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CVCC offers investments course

Beginning April 2, CVCC will offer a 3-credit course in securities investment. To be taught by Dr. William Reynolds, "Principles of Securities Investments" will explore every aspect of today's securities investment field. The course will emphasize the individual's opportunities to maximize total return from investments, especially in view of today's inflationary environment.

The course will also explore how an individual acquires and utilizes the services of a stock broker, how stock exchanges work, how to read financial news, and how the Federal Reserve, taxes, and how other governmental agencies and actions affect investment climate. Specific topics will include money market certificates, common stocks, preferred stocks, corporate, state, and Federal bonds, hybrid investments such as convertible preferred stocks and bonds, and highly speculative investments such as warrants, options, puts, and calls.

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Mike Weiss promoted

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Michael C. Weiss of Appomattox has been promoted to the position of assistant vice president of American Federal Savings and Loan.

Weiss, a branch manager of American Federal in Appomattox since 1975, has been with the savings and loan company since 1975.

A Lynchburg native, Weiss holds a degree in business administration from Lynchburg College, where he graduated in 1975.

Weiss is treasurer of the Appomattox County Chamber of Commerce; an officer and director of the Appomattox County Reseue Squad; adjutant and finance officer of the local American Legion Post, 104; a member of American Federal's Appomattox office advisory board; a member of the Oakville Ruritan Club; a member of the Hill City Masonic Lodge #183 AF and AM, a member of Memorial Methodist Church in Appomattox; and a member of the Falling River Country Club.

He is married to the former Judith Bruce, a native of Roanoke, Va.

He was discharged from the U. S. Navy in 1971, after six years, including a year in Vietnam.

American Federal, founded in June of 1925, currently has nine branch offices in the state, with plans in the works for three more.

Workers still needed for Appomattox census count

Workers are still needed in Appomattox and surrounding counties to aid in the 1980 Census, according to the U. S. Bureau of the Census.

Wayne Cunningham, manager of the Lynchburg Census District, says that Appomattox is one of the counties in this section of Virginia which is still considerably short of census workers.

Workers will be needed to visit households which have not returned the census questionnaires by mail, according to Cunningham.

Applicants must take a written test and attend a two-day training session before beginning work. Employees will be paid on a piece-rate basis designed to yield $4 per hour for the average worker. Employees will also be paid for time spent in training, according to Cunningham.

Census questionnaires will arrive in the mail March 28. Residents are asked to complete the questionnaries and return them in a postage-free envelope on April 1. Census information is kept confidential by law.

Those interested in applying for the census jobs should contact the 1980 Census District Office, 3110 Odd Fellows Road, Lynchburg, Va., 24501 (phone: 528-0027).

The story behind spring

When the sun moved directly above the Earth's equator at 6:10 a.m. today (Thursday), spring began. This moment, referred to as the vernal equinox (from the Latin words "vernal" meaning spring, and "equinox," equal night), marks the arrival of the spring season in the Northern Hemisphere.

"From March 20 until the beginning of summer on June 21," Dr. Paul H. Knappenberge, Jr., director of the Science Museum of Virginia, explained, "the sun will move higher in our (northern) hemisphere bringing more heat, and with it the seasonal changes."

The first day of spring and the first day of autumn are the only times when the length of day and night are equal. It is on these two days, also, that the sun will rise due east and set due west. For the next six months, the sun will rise northeast and set northwest giving us longer hours of daylight than darkness.

Since this was a leap year, spring occurs earlier in the calendar, but will occur progressively later for the next three years (March 21).

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DARRYL TUCKER, A STUDENT at Appomattox County High School, is shown with one of the projects which will be on display at the science fair this weekend.

ACHS Science Fair set for this weekend

The Appomattox County High School Science Fair will be held this weekend, with judging conducted Friday evening, and open house held Saturday morning in the high school cafeteria.

Approximately 175 students will have entries in the science fair. Projects will range from distillation projects for making gasohol, to experiments in earth science, math, psychology, zoology, botany and biochemistry.

First-place winners in the county science fair will be entered in the Central Virginia Regional Science Fair, to be held April 19 in the field house at Lynchburg College.

Judges for the local fair this weekend will be Dr. Robert Lehman, from the office of the dean at Longwood College; Mr. Wayne Meshejiam, from the Department of Natural Sciences at Longwood College; and Mr. David White, production manager at Virginia Fibre Corp.

The judging will be conducted from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Friday nights and is closed to the public.

The public is invited to the open house Saturday from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., however.

This will be the fourth annual science fair conducted at the local high school, and the third time local students have entered regional science-fair competition.

Scout funds needed

A local fund-raising drive, conducted by the Appomattox Lions Club to support the three scouting programs in the county, is in full swing, according to project chairman Lloyd Walton.

To date, approximately $500 has been raised, Walton says. The fund-raising committee hopes to raise $3000 before the campaign ends in mid-April, he adds.

Local individuals, businesses and organizations are being urged to make tax-deductible contributions to help keep the local scouting programs strong.

Funds raised from the drive will go directly to supporting the Boy Scouts of America. Contributions will be used in the local programs to purchase much-needed equipment, to help scouts attend the Blue Ridge Mountain Council Scout Reservation, the largest in the entire country, and to keep the local programs strong throughout the year.

Sales course slated

The Appomattox Adult DE program is offering a retail sales course on Tuesday, March 25 and Wednesday March 26.

This course deals with new approaches to sales; knowing and using merchandise information, and customer relations. The course is being taught by Mr. John Moon, Distributive Education Teacher-Coordinator at the school.

The course will be taught in room 305 at the high school (DE room). Cost is $5.00 for this 6-hour seminar. For additional information call Mr. Moon at the high school. (352-7146 Ext. 22).

The time of the class is 6:30 p.m.

Students take honors

The Appomattox chapter of Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) walked away with competition honors in events sponsored by the District 9 DECA organization March 11.

Ten area high schools, including Heritage and E. C. Glass, were entered in the competition.

Winners of certificates included: automotive category - Jeff Martin (first place merchandising) and J. R. Harvey (second place advertising); apparel and accessories category - S. L. Ferguson, (first place human relations); food service category - Tina Doss (first place mathematics) and Sharon Coleman (third place mathematics); food marketing category - Mark Pierce (third place display) and Donnie Almond (first place comprehensive, second place display, and third place communications); General merchandising category - Tammy Highfill (first place display, second place operation, and third place product service technology); and general merchandising category - Louis O'Brien (first place communication, second place operation, and third place product service technology).

In addition, Appomattox students carried away six trophies: Tina Doss took third place in the food service competition, Donnie Almond took second place in the food marketing competition, Jeff Martin took second place in the automotive competition, Tammy Highfill took second place in the general merchandising competition and Louis O'Brien took first place in that category, and Robin Spiggle was named student of the year.

Tina Doss is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Doss and is employed by Doss Dairy Farms, Inc.

Donnie Almond is a senior at ACHS and is employed at Wilburn's Supermarket.

Jeff Martin, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Martin, is employed at Appomattox Service Center under the training of Mr. Clyde Harvey.

Tammy Highfill, the daughter of Mrs. May Ann Highfill, received her training under the management of Mr. Pete Nealy, former manager of Ben Franklin.

First palce winners were Robin Spiggle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Spiggle, an employee of the Avalon Club in Appomattox.

Louis O'Brien, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward O'Brien, is presently employed at Mid-State Steel. In addition to placing first in district competition, Louis is planning to run for Executive Vice President of Virginia DECA.

Students entering the competition from Appomattox included (Job Interview) - Joyce Garrett and Debbie Watson; sales demonstration, Lynn Martin and Mike Sharpe; general merchandise, Louis O'Brien and Tammy Highfill; apparel and accessories, S. L. Ferguson; automotive, J. R. Harvey and Jeff Martin; food service, Tina Doss, Sharon Coleman and Linda Irvin; food marketing, Skebo Ferguson, Mark Pierce and Donna Almond; and Student of the Year, Robin Spiggle.

ON MARCH 5, 1980, the Appomattox Middle School Parliamentary Procedure Team went to Amherst to compete in the Parliamentary Contest. The team placed first in the contest. The members were Karen Stevens, President; Todd Scruggs, Vice President; Sarah Simpson, Sentinel; Cecil Jacobs, Reporter; Ronald Thornhill, Treasurer; Lonnie Evans, Secretary; Ben Hastings and J.D. Simpson, Committee Chairman.

Reunion meeting set

There will be a meeting Sunday, March 23 at the Fidelity American Branch Bank for members of the Appomattox County High School class of 1970.

The meeting will be for the purpose of planning the class' 10-year reunion.

Members of the class of 1970 are urged to attend the meeting which begins at 2 p.m. so that a wide variety of ideas will be available for planning.

A GROUP OF SIXTH GRADERS, under the direction of music teach Betty Bryan, entertained primary school students at the Appomattox County Elementary school Monday for St. Patrick's Day. The students sang numerous Irish songs and danced for their younger friends.

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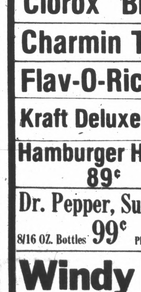

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